



JAMAICA BAPTIST UNION  
YOUTH DEPARTMENT  
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THEME 2009 - 2011: "CHRIST'S HOPE - HEAR IT; BE IT SHARE IT"

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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Pastors/Moderators  
Church Secretaries  
Parish Moderators  
Parish Youth Association Presidents  
Youth Department Executive Members

**Deliver to:** Youth & Young Adult Fellowship Presidents

**FROM:** Kerry- Ann Martin (Miss)  
Youth Department Chairman

**DATE:** April 06, 2010

**RE:** 26<sup>th</sup> NATIONAL YOUTH CONFERENCE & RALLY

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My brothers and sisters, I greet you in the name of our Sovereign Lord Jesus Christ. The word of God encourages us to make a joyful noise unto the Lord and that as a part of the family of God we are to share in fellowship. The Jamaica Baptist Union Youth Department through its annual National Youth Conference and Rally provides an opportunity for youth from across the island to worship and fellowship together. I take great pleasure in writing to inform you of the plans that are being put in place for the celebration of our 26th National Youth Conference and Rally!

Included in this correspondence is information that is critical to participating in this year's celebrations. Please give it your full attention and feel free to contact us for any clarification you may require. Importantly, please ensure that the youth in your churches receive this information in a timely manner so they can act on it.

**WHEN IS IT?**

The Conference and Rally will span the usual two and a half days, this year, between **November 25 and 27** (Thursday through Saturday).

**WHERE IS IT?**

The weekend's activities will commence at "Nutshell Conference Centre" (Thursday) and conclude at the Ocho Rios Baptist Church (Saturday).

**WHAT'S OUR FOCUS?**

The Youth Department's theme for the period 2009 – 2011 (***Christ's Hope: Hear It; Be It, Share It***) will be the overarching guide to the activities for this year's Conference and Rally.

## **OUR PROGRAMME OF ACTIVITIES**

The programme for the weekend will incorporate a variety of activities and sessions and will, as is customary, comprise a business and training aspect - **Youth Conference**, and corporate celebrations and worship - **Rally**.

### ▪ **YOUTH CONFERENCE**

The Youth Conference this year will run from Thursday evening (November 25) through to Friday evening (November 26) and will be held at Nutshell Conference Centre, Trelawny. Given that the Youth Department now operates on a two-year term, in this intermediate year of the 2009-2011 term, elections will take place for only one position, that of Chairman Elect. This therefore provides us with the opportunity to use much of the Conference to accommodate training and teaching sessions for our youth and youth leaders. We therefore urge you to assist us in ensuring that as many youth as possible attend the Conference which promises to be truly rewarding.

- Please note that there is **no limit** on the number of attendees from any one congregation/fellowship/committee/group attending the Youth Conference. **ALL** youth are invited to attend. However the *Conference* should be attended by **at least** the following persons who will have voting rights at the Business Session:
  - a) President (or a representative) of each Parish Youth Association
  - b) Two representatives from each church (Youth/Young Adult Fellowship)

Registration for the Conference will begin on site at 5:00 p.m. and the opening session will begin promptly at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday November 25, 2010.

### **FEES**

The fee for attendance at the 2010 Delegate's Conference is \$4,500.00, and is inclusive of the costs of accommodation, meals, the Conference package, transportation to and entry for National Rally in Ocho Rios on Saturday. We urge those who will be attending the conference to access **early registration (inclusive of payment) on or before November 8, 2010.**

*Churches/circuits who register 4 or more persons before November 8, 2010 will receive a special group registration discount.*

All persons are expected to complete and return the form attached to the JBU Office at Fax # 924-6296 or email to [info@jbu.org.jm](mailto:info@jbu.org.jm).

The entry fee for the National Youth Rally in Ocho Rios remains at fifty dollars **(\$50.00)**.

### ▪ **NATIONAL RALLY PROGRAMME**

For the 26<sup>th</sup> National Youth Rally, we are putting together a tremendous package for fellowship, worship, celebration and thanksgiving to God! We have increased the number of competitions for this year, relative to 2009 when we had our Anniversary Celebrations. Of note is the inclusion of our special feature, a Mission Challenge. This is not a competition area, but has been incorporated with a view to encourage youth to be and share the Hope that is found in Christ Jesus. A special area will be provided for participants in the challenge to display the activities they engaged throughout the duration of the project. Our intention is for every single attendee at this year's Youth Rally to benefit from the day's activities in a number of different ways.

It is our intention to exercise good stewardship of our time and therefore we urge everyone to be gathered for the start at **8:00 a.m.** so the day's activities can be concluded by **4:00 p.m.**

### **HOW DO YOU PREPARE?**

We encourage and ask you to encourage as many young persons as may have the opportunity, to begin planning to attend the Conference. Mark the dates on your calendar, start saving your Conference fee or help someone else to pay the fee. Plan to come and make your contributions whilst benefitting from the corporate sessions and from sharing with other youth from across the Island.

The preparations for Rally 2010 will be held in the usual stages, culminating with inter-zone competitions at the finals in November. Information and suggested dates for the various competition stages may be found below:

- **Parish Eliminations – circuit vs. circuit - (date chosen at discretion of parish organizers)**
- **Zone Eliminations – parish vs. parish (October 09 – All Zones)**
- **Rally Finals – zone vs. zone - (November 27 – Rally Day)**

Logistics and other arrangements including sourcing adjudicators for Parish Eliminations are to be made by the Parish Youth Association Executive. The plans for Zone Eliminations (October) are to be spearheaded by the Area Council. In both cases, support may be sought and had from the National Executive.

We encourage that deliberate effort be made to incorporate some meaningful opportunities for worship and training/teaching into your Parish Elimination day. Your Zone/Area Representative will spearhead similar plans for the Zone Eliminations and we ask that you bear this in mind and give your fullest support and participation.

### **AREAS OF COMPETITION**

For this year's Rally, we tried to incorporate areas that we believe are relevant to our youth and will provide youth with the opportunity to display their various talents.

The areas of competition for this year are:

#### **Speech**

1. **Chorale Speaking – (Juniors)**

#### **Music**

2. **Original Praise Song (Open)**

#### **Dance**

3. **Dance (Mixed Age-Groups)**

#### **Other**

4. **Bible Quiz - Ruth, Revelation, Baptist history and current affairs (Mixed Age-Groups)**
5. **Culinary Art (Open)**

## 6. Art & Craft (Open)

All competitors are expected to adhere to the criteria and guidelines provided below:

- **All competitors must be members of a Baptist Church/Sunday School/Youth/Young Adult Fellowship or other Youth related ministries**
- **Juniors – these are competitors between the ages seven (7) and fifteen (15) years**
- **Seniors – these are competitors between the ages sixteen (16) and forty (40) years**
- **Open – this includes competitors between the ages seven (7) and forty (40) years**
- **The choir directors and any other facilitators are not bound by the age limit.**

### Speech

#### [1] Chorale Speaking: 8 – 12 persons (Juniors) Psalm 30

##### *Rules*

- ✓ **Groups will be expected to present Psalm 30** in Standard English from the New International Version of the Bible ; and
- ✓ The pieces will be judged according to the criteria found on the attached score sheet.

#### [2] Original Praise Song: 10 – 15 persons (Open)

This category aims to encourage our youth to be creative as they seek to compose an original praise song which speaks of the Hope that can be found in Jesus Christ.

##### **The song must:**

- Last no more than 5 minutes
- Have 2 verses and a chorus. A bridge is optional.
- Be composed by a competitor (see guidelines for competitors above)
- Be an original composition
- Relate to the Jamaica Baptist Union Youth Department (JBUYD)'s theme, 2009-2011: Christ's Hope-Hear it; Be it; Share it!

**NB: Copies of the song must be submitted to the organizers of the Parish Elimination no later than two (2) weeks prior to the elimination date. Entries advancing to the Area Eliminations should be submitted to the Area Council Representative no later than Monday October 2, 2010. In all instances, the composer/writer should be clearly indicated.**

The pieces will be judged according to the criteria given on the score sheet attached.

#### [3] Dance: 4 – 10 persons (Mixed Age-Groups)

Each dance group must have persons from both age-groups.

## Rules

### The piece must:

- Last no longer than five (5) minutes, including stage entry and exit
- Utilise music that reflects the JBUYD's theme for 2009-2011
- Have at least two (2) persons from each age group - junior and senior

The pieces will be judged according to the criteria set out on the score sheet attached.

## **OTHER**

### **[4] Bible Quiz Competition: 4 team members (2 Juniors & 2 Seniors)**

The quiz competition will, as has occurred over the last few years, require that each team comprise equal numbers of youth from both the junior age-group and the senior age-group.

- For the Parish Eliminations, questions will be taken from the books of ***Ruth & Revelation, chapters 1- 10***
- For the Area Eliminations, questions will be from ***Revelation, chapters 11-22***
- For the National Rally, questions will be from both the ***books of Ruth & Revelation***

**NB: ALL questions will be given from the New International Version (NIV) of the Bible ONLY.**

At the Area Eliminations and National Finals questions on Baptist History and Baptist Current Affairs will be incorporated in the competition. Study material may be sourced at the Jamaica Baptist Union Youth Department's website: <http://youth.jbu.org.jm/> as well as via the JBU Office.

### **[5] Culinary Arts (Open)**

This area of competition while seeking to highlight the culinary talents of our young people will also encourage them to be efficient in the use of their financial resources. Participants are required to make use of local products.

**Task:** Given a budget of **\$1,000.00** prepare a **two (2)** course balanced meal for a family of **five (5)** (Grandma, toddler, teenager, husband and wife) using all **five (5)** food groups.

**NB: All participants are expected to produce:**

- (i) a shopping list detailing the cost of all the items; and**
- (ii) a recipe for each course.**

**The two (2) course meal should entail – one (1) main course; and a dessert. All meals must be prepared BEFORE the competition by a member(s) of the youth group**

- Presentation must be done at the competition by a member(s) of the youth group
- Competitors are free to choose their own layout and design
- Competitors are expected to take all the materials, tools and equipment needed for the presentation of the meal
- It is expected that participants adhere to the stipulated budget, as failure to do so will result in disqualification.

**The entry will be judged according to the criteria set out on the score sheet attached.**

### **[6] Art & Craft (Open)**

God has made us stewards of our environment. Many of the products we use contain materials that are not biodegradable, however, we can recycle these materials and use them creatively.

### *Instructions*

The art piece must be;

- ✓ Made of recycled material (trash from natural or synthetic material) with the exception of adhesives, paints and lacers;
- ✓ Presented with step-by-step instructions of how to make it and a list of the materials used to make the craft.

### **SPECIAL FEATURE... MISSION CHALLENGE!!!**

At Youth Rally 2010, an area will be provided for each Zone to display the mission/service involvement of its youth throughout the year, whether at the zone, parish or youth fellowship level. So if you or your youth group(s) have or intend to engage in projects that minister to the needs of those in a church, community or parish, prepare to share the experience with us at Youth Rally! Are you willing to take the Challenge?

### **MISSION CHALLENGE**

#### *Rationalization*

The Church is called to be God's agent and we as people of God are expected to carry out the work that Jesus began - mission and evangelism. Service and volunteerism are character shaping opportunities and ideal situations in which to 'Be and Share Christ's Hope' in today's society. The Cultural Commissions Committee invites youth from across the island to explore different and creative ways of sharing the Hope of Christ, through a service oriented activity. Groups will be invited to share the results of their mission at Youth Rally 2010.

#### *The Challenge*

Young people are dynamic and creative and so we ask that you pool your talents, abilities and resources to carry out a Christian Mission in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. The challenge is to plan and effect a service mission to address a need in your community.

#### *The Mission*

#### **You are required to:**

- a. Identify an individual/group with a specific need
- b. Determine and clearly outline the specific mission activity you plan to undertake in order to meet the need of the individual/group identified. i.e. What exactly do you plan to do?
- c. Inform your pastors and invite participation from as many persons as possible within the parish.
- d. Identify resources and plan fundraising activities (if necessary) in support of your mission.
- e. Make **deliberate attempts** to incorporate and share the Gospel during the mission event.
- f. Make plans and outline steps to ensure that a long term spiritual relationship is established with the individual/group that you encounter.
- g. Detail results and document the event as best as possible.
- h. Make use of video and audio where possible

### ***The Experience***

Please note that this is not a competition, but will be considered a *Feature Presentation* at this year's Rally. Select groups will also be asked to make presentations and share their experience of mission in various forums spearheaded by the JBUYD throughout the period 2009-2011. As best as possible, the project is to be implemented at the **Parish Level** and you are expected to;

- *Prepare a display to be mounted at Rally 2010*  
To make your display interesting, be sure to use colorful charts, photographs, audiovisuals and PowerPoint presentations if possible. Speak with your Zone Representative if you wish to participate in the display.
  
- *Prepare a document outlining the following:*
  - *The experience, (how it made you feel)*
  - *The various challenges faced*
  - *How you were able to overcome any such challenges*
  - *The receptiveness of the individual/group/community to whom you ministered*
  - *How the Gospel was incorporated in your mission activity*
  - *The impact of the action taken; include any souls won for Christ!*

We hope that **Conference & Rally 2010** will help to empower those who attend to make Christ their only Hope as they live the life and share His Hope with others.

For further information, please contact the Cultural Commission through the JBU Offices at 969-2223/969-6268 or 877-7556/322-1972; fax us at 924-6296 or email us at [jbuyouth@gmail.com](mailto:jbuyouth@gmail.com) or [info@jbu.org.jm](mailto:info@jbu.org.jm). All ideas, queries and suggestions are welcome.

May the Spirit of God inspire you in thought, and guide you in action as we seek to understand the reality of being "**Christ's Hope: Hear it, Be it, Share it**".

We eagerly anticipate your presence as we prepare to fellowship in the presence of our Holy God.

Richest blessings!

## SAMPLE SCORE SHEETS – NATIONAL YOUTH RALLY 2010

### CHORALE SPEAKING (Mixed age-groups) \*Psalm 30 – New International Version

<b><i>Voice Production</i></b>	<b><i>30 pts.</i></b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Ability to project</i></li> <li>• <i>Pace</i></li> <li>• <i>Tone</i></li> <li>• <i>Resonance</i></li> <li>• <i>Colouring &amp; Texture of Voice</i></li> </ul>	
<b><i>Speech</i></b>	<b><i>20 pts.</i></b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Pronunciation</i></li> <li>• <i>Diction</i></li> <li>• <i>Enunciation</i></li> </ul>	
<b><i>Presentation</i></b>	<b><i>25 pts.</i></b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Performance Energy</i></li> <li>• <i>Style</i></li> <li>• <i>Visual Impact</i></li> <li>• <i>Stage Presence</i></li> <li>• <i>Costume</i></li> </ul>	
<b><i>Interpretation</i></b>	<b><i>20 pts.</i></b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Comprehension</i></li> <li>• <i>Mood/Feeling</i></li> <li>• <i>Expression</i></li> <li>• <i>Conviction</i></li> </ul>	
<b><i>Timing &amp; Teamwork</i></b>	<b><i>5 pts.</i></b>
<b><i>Total</i></b>	<b><i>100 pts.</i></b>

### ORIGINAL PRAISE SONG (OPEN)

#### ***\*Original Words***

<b><i>Composition of Song</i></b>	<b><i>50 pts.</i></b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Delivery of sound message based on Scripture</i></li> <li>• <i>Delivery of message relevant to the theme</i></li> <li>• <i>Creativity/Originality</i></li> <li>• <i>Appropriate meter (syllables of lyrics must fit music chosen)</i></li> </ul>	<p><i>15</i></p> <p><i>15</i></p> <p><i>10</i></p> <p><i>10</i></p>
<b><i>Presentation of Song</i></b>	<b><i>50 pts.</i></b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Diction</i></li> <li>• <i>Harmony (precision in singing various parts)</i></li> <li>• <i>Tonal Quality (blend of voices)</i></li> <li>• <i>Dynamics</i></li> <li>• <i>Stage Presentation</i></li> </ul>	<p><i>10</i></p> <p><i>15</i></p> <p><i>10</i></p> <p><i>10</i></p> <p><i>5</i></p>
<b><i>Total</i></b>	<b><i>100 pts</i></b>

### DANCE (MIXED AGE-GROUP)

<b>Form and Structure</b>	<i>10 pts.</i>
<b>Communication and Creative Content</b>	<i>20 pts.</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Conveying message through theme</i></li> <li>• <i>Relevance and appropriateness of vocabulary</i></li> <li>• <i>Relevance of music to the theme</i></li> </ul>	
<b>Production</b>	<i>40 pts.</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Visual Impact</i></li> <li>• <i>Use of properties – flags, banners, etc</i></li> <li>• <i>Appropriate costume</i></li> <li>• <i>Use/interpretation of music</i></li> </ul>	
<b>Performance Skills</b>	<i>30 pts.</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Projection/stage presence</i></li> <li>• <i>Technique/movement</i></li> <li>• <i>Quality/style</i></li> </ul>	
<b>Total</b>	<b><i>100 pts.</i></b>

**CULINARY ARTS (OPEN)**

<b>Originality</b>	<i>15 pts.</i>
<b>Palatability (Taste)</b>	<i>20 pts.</i>
<b>Creativity</b>	<i>15 pts.</i>
<b>Use of Local Ingredients</b>	<i>10 pts.</i>
<b>Nutritional Value (Balanced Meal)</b>	<i>25 pts.</i>
<b>General Presentation</b>	<i>15 pts.</i>
<b>Total</b>	<b><i>100 pts.</i></b>

**ART & CRAFT (OPEN)**

<b>Use of Recycled Material</b>	<i>15 pts.</i>
<b>Effective Communication of the Theme</b>	<i>20 pts.</i>
<b>Originality</b> – uniqueness of style & idea	<i>15 pts.</i>
<b>Craftsmanship</b> – technique, quality, style of work	<i>30 pts.</i>
<b>Design/Composition</b> - visual appeal, use of colour, organisation	<i>20 pts.</i>
<b>Total</b>	<b><i>100 pts.</i></b>

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**E-MAIL** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell** \_\_\_\_\_ **Home** \_\_\_\_\_

**REPRESENTATION** - Youth Fellowship [ ] Young Adult Group [ ] Parish Association [ ] Uniform Group [ ]

Students' Affairs Ministry [ ] Other [ ] **POSITION** \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

*Register by November 8, 2010*

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